[30th July 1953

Irrigation in Srikakulam district.

* 1246 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Srikakulam District Food Production Committee by a unanimous resolution on 3rd March 1953 requested the Government for immediate sanction of sufficient funds and staff to maintain normal irrigation and poduction in Srikakulam district; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) When the recommendation of the District Food Production Committee referred to in clause (*a*) was received, the policy of the Government was, not to take up any new irrigation schemes under the Intensive Cultivation Campaign. It was, therefore, considered that no action was called for in the matter. A list [a] of schemes of repairs and improvements to irrigation sources that were taken up in Srikakulam district prior to the advent of the policy referred to above is placed on the table of the House. Irrigation works are, however, being undertaken now under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme for the implementation of which the Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs to be spent before 30th June 1953."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU:—" After the transfer of the major irrigation schemes from the Grow More Food Department to the regular Public Works Department, it is often stated by the Executive Engineer, Srikakulam, that there is no staff to look after irrigation sources. This has been brought to the notice of the Government many a time here and also by the ryots. May I know what action has been taken by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The hon. Member may put a clear question. I do not understand him."

Quality of rice sent from Udamalpet to Malabar.

* 1247 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the two wagons (475 bags) of red raw rice received by the Mowancherry Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society in North Malabar on 21st May 1953, from Udamalpet (Coimbatore district), were found to be unfit for human consumption; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiries were made with the Assistant Entomologist of Coimbatore and the Collector of Malabar regarding the matter?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1917–1920 infra.